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MASSACHUSETTS MAN INDICTED IN IDENTITY FRAUD SCHEME

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced today that a federal grand jury in Concord, New Hampshire, has returned an Indictment charging John C. Clancy of Melrose, Massachusetts, with identity fraud. Specifically, the grand jury charged Clancy with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(7).

According to the Indictment, Clancy unlawfully used the identification of a man who had died in 1988 to commit mail fraud and in so doing opened fraudulent accounts with seven banks, two retail businesses, three healthcare providers, and three telephone companies. The Indictment also alleges that Clancy obtained employment in the deceased man's name and received mail in the deceased's name at multiple addresses in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

If convicted, Clancy faces up to fifteen years in jail and a fine of up to \$250,000. No trial date has been set. This matter was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arnold Huftalen.

United States Attorney Colantuono reminds the public that an Indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.